

Program 029

SPI - Levy Equalization**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority		328,627		328,627
Total Maintenance Level		372,305		372,305
Difference		43,678		43,678
Percent Change from Current Biennium		13.3%		13.3%
Total Proposed Budget		372,305		372,305
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Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Local Effort Assistance		372,305		372,305
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ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**Local Effort Assistance**

Statewide, school districts receive about 16 percent of their revenue from local voter-approved property tax levies. Since some school districts have lower property values than others, local school district levy rates vary. The lower the property values, the higher the levy rates tend to be. The state "equalizes" local funds by providing matching state funds for school districts with higher than average levy rates. School districts must pass a local maintenance and operations levy to be eligible for local effort assistance funds.